DEATH-LAND.

There's a large, still land where silence always The shrouded gate hath never opened wide

To let one human dweller wander out Whe spee hath seen the mystery inside. It brings a change to those who enter in.

Something is lost, and something, too, is gained. For fleshly anguish cannot reach this bit

Of matter, pale, inert. The cup is drained. There is no fountain whence it may be filled

The lips that once hath drunk its sweets are

Yet hold the pathos of a parting kiss.

They tell me memory lives inside that realm. And stirs the slumbrous waves that lie beyond.

If this be true, dear friend of mine, I pray Thou'lt not forget our days of loving,

Thou'lt not forget our thousand earthly

The clasp of hand that thrills again to

And touch of loving lips. Hast thou some

Of human love and loss, in death's dim MEDORA CLARK.

Madison, Wis

MATED IN MYSTERY.

[Argonaut Trans, from the Russian.] Toward the end of 1811, an epoch so memorable in the history of Russia, there dwelt on his domain of Menarodowno, Gabriel Gabrielowich, with his wife and only daughter Maria, a charming young girl about 17 years of age.

Gabriel Gabrielowich was much loved and respected; generous to an unusual degree, his house was ever open to all who chose to accept his lavish hospitality. Maria Gabriefowna had, of course, many suitors, attracted both by her personal charms and reputed wealth, but in spite of all importunities she remained obstinately indifferent to all. Her romantic and impre-sionaind, affected by the constant reading of many French novels, led her to imagine herself desperately and irrevocably in love. Unfortunately, the object of her affections, who undoubtedly returned her love, met with the contemptuous disapprobation of her parents, in whose mind a poor, non-commissioned officer was no fitting match for the heiress of Menarodowno. He was relentlessly forbidden the house, but in spite of this the lovers met daily at the old forest well, and there plighted their troth When winter came, these stolen interviews were, perforce, discontinued. At length the separation became intolerable, even with the solace of a daily interchange of love-letters, and Vladimir Nicolaewich, in one of these, poured forth in flowing words all his love and misery, and besought his lady love to fly with him, assuring her of her parents' forgiveness-for who, indeed, could withstand the humble prayer the lovers would make for forgiveness, or fail to be touched by such heroic love and con-

Maria's romantic imagination was fascinated; she could not resist, and soon all preliminaries for the flight were settled. She would feigh headache, and retire early; at 10 o'clock a sleigh would be waiting at the small garden gate, and in this she would be driven, with her maid, through the forest of Jadrino, where Vladimir would await his bride in the village church.

On the eve of her contemplated elopement, Maria, who was restless and unhappy, retired early to her room and spent part of the night inditing a long and sentimental epistle to her dearest friend, and also a shorter one to her parents, in which she entreated their forgiveness for the step she was about to take, impelled by her unalterable love for Vladimir, who, as her husband, would return to beg their indulgence and blessing. After sealing this effusion with two flaming hearts and an appropriate motto, the rest of the night was spent in all the terrors of manifold and complicated nightmares, so that dawn found our heroine up and dressed, pale, and with no need to feign headache. Every anxious inquiry on the part of her affectionate parents cost her a pang, yet she managed to get through the day without exciting their suspicions, and retired immediately after dinner. The entering a little after to make the final preparations, found her young mistress weeping bitterly. In less than an hour, though, she must go; so, quickly drying her tears, Maria soon became once the love-sick damsel, flying from stern and cruel parents to the arms of her own true knight.

All was quiet within the sleeping household, but without the wind howled, and moaned and beat maily against the case ments-truly, a threatening night. Maria and her maid went softly down stairs, and reached the garden in safety. It was dark as pitch; the piercing cold wind whistled dismally through the trees and blew fiercely in their faces, as if bidding them turn back. At length through the darkness they could discern the sleigh and Vladimir's trusty servwho, as if aware of the danger of freezing where they stood, impatiently struck the hard, frozen ground with their hoofs.

Meanwhile let us follow the happy bridegroom. Vladimir Nicolaewich had had a busy day, what with his persuading the priest of Jadrino to perform the marriage ceremony, and searching for witnesses smong the neighboring land-owners. The first he found was an ex-officer, Dravine by name, who accepted the duty with pleasure -it reminded him, he said, of his escapades when in the regiment of hussars. He begged Vladimir to dine with him, and undertook to find the other two witnesses himself. One of them was Smidt, the surveyor, and the young Ispraeonek just turned 17, and about to enter the Fifth lancers. These two not only promised to be witnesses to Vladimir's marriage, but enthusiastically swore they would face death itself to help him. Vladimir thanked them heartily, and left to make the final preparations at his own place.

It was already dark; so, after dispatching his faithful Rerodeka to Menarodowno with a troika (two-horse sleigh), he ordered a one-horse sleigh for himself, and started. It was 9 o'clock; he would reach Jadrino fully balf an hour before Maria, for he could certainly drive there in thirty minutes. But driving was no easy matter; the wind was full against him, and blew the blinding mow-flakes sharply into his face. Soon the very road disappeared under a white cloud, the horse stumbled blindly at every step and Vladimir was obliged over and over again

to get out and disengage the sleigh from some snow heap. With feelings akin to despair, the poor fellow realized that he had gone astray, and stumbled along, scarce daring to hope chance might yet lead him aright. At length the sight of a little black speck ahead aroused his failing courage, and, fervently thanking God, Vladimir made for the friendly hut.

"Jadrino cannot now be far," thought he; "I will stop here and ask my way." An old man, half asleep, answered the

"What do you want?" "How far is it to Jadrino?"

"Jadrino? Not far-a matter of ten With torrent streams of woe or daws of Poor Vladimir! "Can you let me have a horse! Mine is

> half dead." "A horse! Where would I find a horse?" "Well, can one get a guide hereabout?" "Wait-maybe my son can show you the

After what seemed to Vladimir an interminable delay, the door opened and a small

"What time is 'tf" inquired Vladimir.

"It will soon be daylight." The baffled bridegroom was dlent.

The cocks were crowing and the day breaking when they reached Jadrino. The church was closed. After rewarling his guide and bidding him good-bye, Vladimir knocked with trembling hand at the priest's house; his troika was not in the yard. What did it mean!"

But we will return to the good Gabrielowich and see what was going on in his house. The old people arose as usual and went down to breakfast; Gabriel Gabrielowich in his flannel cap and gown, and Pascowia Petrowna ready dressed for the day. In answer to a message from Gabrielowich, Maria sent word she had had a bad night but would be down presently. In a few minutes the door opened, and our heroine entered.

"How is the head, daughter?" "Much better, father."

"Perhaps the heat from the furnace was too great yesterday."

"Perhaps, mamma," said Maria. Toward evening, though, Maria was not so well, and the village doctor was sent for, but before he came high fever had set in and the poor girl was delirious. For a whole week she hung between life and

No one in the house so much as suspected | tions started as soon as the horses were Maria's flight; her letters were destroyed, and the maid had been discreet, fearing her irresistible force were impelling me master's displeasure. The priest and wit- forward. We took the short cut to Vilna. nesses were silent, and the coachman was and started at a brisk pace. In some unacnot much of a talker, even in his cups. For a wonder, the secret was kept, although | roads being almost wholly obliterated under known to half a dozen people. Maria, of a heavy mantle of snow, we soon found ourcourse, spoke of nothing else during her delirium, and the good mother, who nursed her devotedly, made out that her child was dying of love for Vladimir. Therefore, after due consultation with her husband and several neighbors, it was agreed that poverty is no crime-one lives with the man and not with his money-etc., etc.; and such moral maxims are always of great help when reason does not justify our course. Thus, when Maria became convalescent, her parents sent for Vladimir Nicolaewich, but great was the consternation at Menarodowno when in came a letter, written apparently by a madman, in which the young fellow declared he would never set foot in their house, and begged them to forget a poor wretch whose only hope was in death. Soon after they heard he had joined the army. This was in 1812.

They dared not tell Maria, who on her side never mentioned his name. A relapse of the fever was feared when, a few months later, she fell into a dead swoon, having accidentally seen his name in the list of those who had distinguished themselves and been wounded at Borodino.

But misfortunes never come singly, the good Gabrielowich died, leaving ail als fortune to Maria. Riches, however, were powerless to console her; she mourned his death sincerely, and vowed never to leave her poor widowed mother. They both left Menarodowno, so fraught with sail associations, and went to live on another estate situated near Gousk. There, also, Maria was soon surrounded and importuned by many admirers, but discouraged them all, in spite of her mother's advice and express desire; ovr heroine, for answer, silently shook her head. Vladimir was dead -killed at Moscow on the eve of the entrance of the French troops. His memory seemed sacred to Maria, who tenderly treasured all the momentoes of her lost love-his sketches, letters, poems, and the books they had read together; the neighbors commented wonderingly upon such unusual constancy, and awaited with much interest the coming of the hero who was to triumph over the melancholy constancy of this new Artemisia. The war ended gloriously for Russia; her

legions returned victorious, and were re

ceived everywhere with vociferous and joyous acclamations. Mothers and sis ers, with tears of joy in their eyes, pressed to the r hearts the youths who had left them, now grown into manhood, bronzed by exposure, hardened by fatigue and privation-but now returned covered with glory. Perhaps Maria and her mother, living so far out of the way, were among the very few who took no part in the general enthusiasm. The monotony of their lives, though, was even there disturbed by the advent of the dashing young Col. Bourmine, before whom her usual train of adorers had to retreat. He took all hearts by storm with his brilliant hussar uniform, fascinating manners, and the cross of St. George, which glistened on | wife.' his breast. He was about 26 years of age, and had come to an adjoining property on leave of absence. Maria soon learned to look forward to his frequent visits, and her habitual melancholy disappeared like snow under the genial rays of an April sun. Indeed Bourmine might well inspire infatuation. His outward appearance and manner were of the kind to take a woman's fancy. Toward Maria he was full of all these tender little attentions so captivating to a young girl. Though so gentle and modest in manner, he had the reputatson of being very reckless, but this, in Maria's eyes, as well as in many another's, was rather an advantage than otherwise. One thing, however, puzzled her-undoubtedly Bourmine loved her, and in her inmost soul she confessed to a liking for himwhy, then, did he not speak? Why such marked attentions, wistful looks and yet not a word of love? Why did he not throw himself at her feet and declare his passion! Was it the natural shyness of love, or was he seeking to win her affections only to cast them aside? It was an enigma she could not solve. There must be a mystery somewhere, and this idea was enough to fire Maria's romantic imagination. She determined, with a woman's natural inclination to coquetry, to bring him with the confession of his secret to her feet. Languishing looks,

a pensive brow, a gentle sigh, soon had the

desired effect, and Bourmine grew morous

and meiancholy-he no longer made the slightest effort to conceal the passion which held him in thrall. The neighbors spoke of the approaching marriage as of a certain thing, and the good Pascowia Petrowna war overjoyed at the seeming realization of her

One day she was alone in the parlor when Bourmine entered and inquired for Maria. "You will find her in the garden," said the old lady; "go; I will await you here." Bourmine stepped out, and the good mother prayed as she cros ed herself: "May the good God settle it all to-day." Maria, just like the heroine in a novel, was seated on a rustic bench under a willow tree, li-tlessly turning over the leaves of a book. Her white dress contrasted prettily with the dark rustic back-ground. Bourmine approached an I stood over her.

"Maria, the time has come when I must lay bare my heart before you-I love you -I love yett passionately." Maria blushed and lowered her eyes; "but I have acted wickedly - madly, in allow ing myself to remain in your sweet presence day after day. It is now too late to strive against fate; the memory of your dear face will be forevermore my joy and my torment. I have still a duty to per form; I must draw aside the veil that stil conceals the barrier which separates us for-

"There is also an insurmountable obstacle on my side," said Maria; "do not revile fate

-I never could have been your wife." "Yes," sighed Bourmine, "I know you have loved; but death has canceled your vows you would have been mine, I know it-I fea it-in spite of your former love, if a crue fate had not condemned me to misery. Maria, I am marriel!"

"Married!" She had never thought

"Yes," continued B urmine, "married three years ago, and stranger still, married without knowing to whom, nor having the vaguest idea where my wife is, nor whether I shall ever see her again. "What!" exclaimed Maria Gabrielowna

"is it possible? But go or -I, to -for pity's

sake, go on, I beseech you!" Trembling with suppressed emoti n, Boarmine went on: "At the beginning of the year 1813 I was hurrying to join my regiment at Vilna. While getting a change of horses at Novrod a beavy snowfall came on, and I was earnestly advised not to proceed on my journey until it had abated. I would not listen, however, and in spite of all protestacountable manner, perhaps owing to the selves a tray, and my coachman was obliged to confess himself completely at a loss how to continue. We drove on, then, at haphazard, and you can well imagine how welcome was the sight of lights ahead. These lights brought us to a small village, and we saw that the largest proceeded from the open door of a church. As we approached I per-

"'Here! here! good gracious, how late "I suspected it was not I they wanted, but

ceived there were several sleighs in the

yard, and two or three people grouped to-

gether on the porch, who, as we drove up,

drew up, nevertheless. "A young man sprang forward: 'Your bride has fainted,' he said, 'and the priest is

"A wicked thought flashed through my mind. What an adventure to tell my fel low officers! Without answering, I ran up the steps and entered the chunch, dimly lighted by one lamp. A young girl reclined on a bench with her head leaning against the wall, while a maid bathed her forehead

"'Thank God, you have come!' exclaimed the woman; 'your delay has almost killed

and temples with a handkerchief steeped in

"The priest then drew near; Sir, there is no time to lose; we may be surprised at any moment; make haste

"'But the young lady can hardly stand,' I

"'It will be sufficient if she can say yes! "It was not too late. I might still turn back, but the idea of such a wonderful adventure got the better of me; moreover I never imagined such a ceremony would be

"'Well, then,' I said, 'since you all

"The bride was already at the altar, supported by her maid. I advanced and placed myself beside her, wrapped in my large fur cloak. The priest did not keep us waiting, and in a few moments all was over.

"'You are now one, embrace each other and fly,' cried the irrepressible young man. "Nothing loth, I turned to my bride, and gently drawing her toward me, bent to kiss the poor pale face, barely discernible in the dim light. One glance, and then with a cry of horror that will ring in my ears forever, 'Oh, it is not he!' the poor girl fell backward in a dead faint. The priest and witnesses rushed to assist her, and in the confusion that followed I made my escape unnoticed." "Great heaven-!" exclaime! Maria, trem-

came of your unfortunate bride!" "Maria, what is the matter? In heaven's name, tell me." "I asked you," impetuously demanded Maria, disregarding Bourmine's appeal, "if

bling violently, "and you know not what be-

you know what became of your unfortunate "No," answered he, subdued by her manner; "I do not know the name of the village where I was married, nor do I remembe? where I stopped to change horses. Moreover, I never believed that marriage binding, and used to speak of it as a good joke, until one day a friend, less thoughtful than I, frightened me by insisting that I was really married-bound forever, in this world and the next. Ever since I have sought my

darling?-you tremble!-speak to me." "Merciful Father!" exclaimed the young girl, clasping her hands, "I thank Thee! It was then you, Bourmine? Oh, how wretched would have been our lot had we never met; or having met, had we not loved!"

wife in vain. But, Maria, you are pale, my

Bourmier shuddered, and then, overcom with joy, fell on his knees before his wife.

A Pepper Sauce Investigation. [Exchange.]

The other day a Newark physician, who suspected that some one was peeping through the key hole of his office door, investigated with a syringe full of pepper sauce. He found his wife half an hour afterward with a bandage over her left optic. She told him that she had been cutting wood and a chip had hit her in the eye.

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A SCIENTIST'S REPORT.

BILL NYE TRANSMITS TO THE PUB-LIC A RARE DOCUMENT.

The Mayor's Throat-Tubercular Gumboils in the Hands of Great Men of Medicine-A Fearful Diagnosis.

[Original.]

To the Members of the Academy of Science at Erin Prairie, Wisconsin:

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to submit herewith my microscopic report on the several sealed specimens of proud flesh and other mementoes taken from the roof of Mr. Flannery's mouth. As Mr. Flannery is the mayor of Erin Prairie, and therefore has a world-wide reputation, I deemed it sufficiently important to the world at large, and pleasing to Mr. Flannery's family, to publish this report in the medical journals of the country, and have it telegraphed to the leading news, apers at their expense. Know ing that the world at large is hungry to learn how the laudable pus of an eminent man appears under the microscope, and what a pleasure it must be to his family to read the description after his death, I have just opened a new box of difficult words and herewith transmit a report which will be an ornament not only to the scrap books of Mr. Flannery's immediate family after his death, but a priceless boon to the reading public at

Removing the seals from the jars as soon as I had returned from the express office, I poured off the alcohol and recklessly threw it away. A true scientist does not care for

The first specimen was in a good state of preservation on its arrival. I never saw & more beautiful or robust proliferation epitherial cell nest in my life. It must have been secured immediately after the old epitherial had left the nest, and it was in good order on its arrival. The whole lobule or a more artistic aggregation of cell nests outside a penitentiary.

Only one cell nest had been allowed to dry up on the way, and this looked a good deal fatigued. In one specimen I noticed a carneous degeneration, but this is really no reflection on Mr. Flannery personally. While he has been ill, it is not suprising that he should allow his cell nests to carneously degenerate. Such a thing might happen to almost any of us.

One of the scrapings from the sore on the right posterior fauces I found on its arrival had been seriously injured and therefore not available. I return it herewith.

From an examination which has been conducted with great care I am led to believe that the right posterior rafter of Mr. Flannery's mouth is slightly indurated, and it is barely possible that the northeast duplex and parotid gable end of the roof of his mouth may become involved.

I wish you would ask Mr. Flannery's immediate relatives, if you can do so without arousing alarm in the breast of the patient, if there has ever been a marked predisposition on the part of his ancestors to tubercular gumboil. I do not wish to be understood as giving this diagnosis as final at all, but from what I have already stated, taken together with other clinical and pathological data within my reach, and the fact that minute, lobulated gumboil bactinæ were found floating through some of the cell nests, I have every reason to fear the worst. I would be glad to receive from you for miscroscopic examination a fragment of Mr. Flannery's malpighian layer, showing evidences of cell proliferation. I only suggest this, of course, as practicable in case there should be a malpighian layer which Mr. Flannery is not using. Do not ask him to take a malpighian layer off her cell nest just

From one microscopic examination I hardly feel justified in giving a diagnosis, nor care to venture any suggestion as to treatment, but it might be well to kalsomine the roof of Mr. Flannery's mouth with gurr arabic, white lime and glue in equal parts.

There has already been some extravatations and a marked multiformity. I also noticed an inflamed and angry color to the stroma with trimmings of the same. This might only indicate that Mr. Flannery had kept his mouth open too much during the summer, and sunburned the roof of his mouth. were it not that I also discovered traces of gumboil microbes of the squamous variety. This leads me to fear the worst for Mr. Flannery. However, if the gentlemanly. courteous and urbane members of the Academy of Science, of Erin Prairie, te whom I am already largely indebted for past favors, will kindly forward to me, prepaid, another scraping from the mansard roof of Mr. Flannery's mouth next week, I will oper another keg of hard words and trace thi gumboil theory to a successful terminatio if I have to use up the whole ceiling of thpatient's mouth.

Yours, with great sincerity, profundity and verbosity. BILL NYE, Microscopist, Lobulist and Microbist, HUDSON, Wis., May 6.

Mr. E. T. Mason, in his "Personal Traits of British Authors," quotes from Grenville Murray to illustrate Macaulay's extraordinary free-handedness: "He was more than generous in money matters-of a princely munificence, in fact. Many a gentlemanly beggar called on him in his rooms at the Albany, and none ever went away without at least a guinea. One day a person of decidedly seedy aspect called and unfolded a long story of sorrow. Macaulay listened, only half touched, having good reasons for taking his own view of the case. He had already made up his mind to dismiss the seedy gentleman with an alms when the latter observed incidentally that he was a Trinity man. Macaulay thereupon wrote him a check for £100 straight off. And yet a hundred pounds was a very serious consideration to him at that time; indeed, the gift put his whole year's accounts out of gear."

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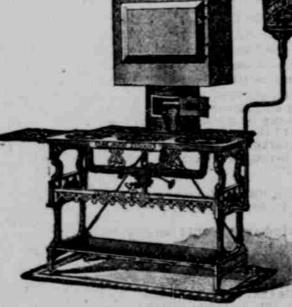
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